

City of Shannon Hills, Arkansas
Regular City Council Meeting
June 12, 2006

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Mayor Davis noted that the meeting was being held on Monday rather than the regular day, (Tuesday), because the special election, scheduled for Tuesday, would make the room unavailable.

Mayor Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present were Mayor Davis, Recorder-Treasurer Curt Wilson, Aldermen Mike Kemp, James Smith, and Dave Holsomback. Alderman Robin Baker, Bobby Riley and Diane Everett were absent.

Alderman Baker arrived at 5:35pm.

Alderman Everett arrived at 5:50pm

Stumpin' in the Park: Mayor Davis introduced the idea of scheduling a day, prior to the November election, for those running for political office to have an opportunity to state their case by having a band, refreshments etc in the city park. That kind of event has been held before and he recommended doing it again this year. After some discussion about legality of spending City funds for the event those present indicated support for such an event. No motions were made but it was generally agreed that the issue should be addressed in a later meeting.

Water Tank Logo: The contest idea presented to Davis Elementary school did not work as well as hoped. No entries were provided from that source. However three, (3) entries were submitted by other city residents, within the age range approved for the contest. One of the entries attracted the interest of the Council.

Following some discussion about ways to modify that art work and make it more desirable, A motion was made by Alderman Kemp to authorize the Mayor and the Director of Public Works to use that entry and to work with the company that will be doing the painting to develop a final design for the Logo ensuring that the words "Shannon Hills" are prominent and readable. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Baker. Motion was approved via voice vote with no opposition. The winner of the contest was announced to be Hayden Cobb.

Following the vote Mayor Davis announced that, according to information he was getting from the contractors, the New water tank would be ready to go "on line" in about 2 to 3 weeks, or approximately by the Fourth of July.

Alexander Annexation: Mayor Davis reported that about three months ago the Council agreed to allow him to pursue legal action to stop an illegal annexation being attempted by the City of Alexander. That annexation was stopped. However, Alexander has now submitted an annexation of everything between Bryant and Shannon Hills, from the Pulaski County line south to beyond Woodland Hills including over 1300 acres. Mayor Davis said that he had filed an objection but that the County Judge had allowed the annexation to move forward anyway. He now wants our City Attorney, Patrick Benca, to file a motion to reverse the action. The motion will be based on the state law that restricts the area that a city of less than 1000 people may annex in a single year. According to the latest census, posted city limit sign numbers and other sources, the population of Alexander is well below the 1000 person

limit. Mayor Davis stated that to pursue the issue through the Courts might cost around One thousand Dollars, (\$1,000.00).

A motion was made by Alderman Baker to approve the requested action. The motion received a second from Alderman Kemp.

In a roll call vote, Aldermen Baker, Kemp, Smith, Holsomback and Everett voted "Yes". There were no opposing votes. Alderman Riley was absent. The motion Passed 5-0.

Proposed Annexation of 17 acres on Vimy Ridge Road: Mayor Davis announced a landowner had contacted him desiring to annex into Shannon Hills by petition. The land touches the current Shannon hills city limits and contains about 17 acres. No ordinance is ready yet but a vote of support for such an action would be in order. Following a brief discussion, Alderman Kemp Made a motion supporting the proposed action. Alderman Everett provided a second.

In a roll call vote, Aldermen Kemp, Smith, Holsomback, Everett and Baker voted "Yes". There were no opposing votes. Alderman Riley was absent. The motion Passed 5-0.

Contract with Metro Towing: Mayor Davis reported that he had been receiving complaints from citizens about excessive billing from Metro Towing. A specific case involved a lady whose car was towed on instruction from the Shannon Hills Police Department. When the lady went to get her car, the storage fee was \$600.00 and they only had the car for five days. Another towing company is available and we may want to consider looking into other options with respect to who we use to tow cars when they are impounded or seized by the Police. Alderman Kemp recommended having the city attorney review our existing contract to confirm our options while the Police Chief and Public Works Director look into other available options. Following the discussion it was generally agreed that this issue could appear on next month's agenda for possible action.

Abandoned Animals: Alderman Baker reported that a citizen had approached her concerning a neighbor of his who had moved and left several cats to fend for themselves. He was concerned that if just left to roam there maybe many, many cats to deal with in the not too distant future. Alderman Baker asked for ideas for a solution. Following some discussion about responsibilities and methods it was agreed that the issue could be resolved administratively outside of the meeting forum and no action or vote was taken.

Letter of Commendation: Mr. Ken Casady, of the Prosecuting Attorney's office was supposed to attend to make the presentation. However he was unable to attend so the presentation was made by Police Chief Richard Friend. The Letter of Commendation was presented to Assistant Chief Robert Burnett for his part in solving a rather large embezzlement case and in doing so produced such a solid case with such a quantity of evidence that the guilty party accepted a plea agreement rather than face a trial.

Comments:

Fire Chief Mel Aldridge stated that he was concerned that with all of the growth going on up and down Vimy Ridge Road the city should have worked with Metroplan to ensure that development included widening Vimy Ridge into a four-lane roadway.

Also Chief Aldridge asked for an update on the LOPFI account and all the related records. Recorder-Treasurer Wilson gave a rather lengthy explanation about what

had transpired recently and what had been discovered while researching the case. In short, it appears that the city will have to come up with about Ten thousand dollars, (\$10,000.00) to get the accounts cleaned up. It appears that the LOPFI account was initially established with less funds than it should have had. Reports are being caught up and all issues should be resolved soon so that both the Fire and Police Departments should receive their State distributions for 2007.

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Alderman Baker. A second was supplied by Alderman Kemp. Motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

The Meeting Adjourned at 6:45pm.

Date: _____

Approved: _____
Larance Davis, Mayor

Attest: _____
Curt Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer